Guidelines for identifying families below the poverty line

1523. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider and modify the existing guidelines of identifying families living Below Poverty Line in the census of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the methodology of poverty estimation of Planning Commission and BPL censuses are different and door to door survey of BPL survey could achieve 100 per cent coverage; and

(c) what is the existing percentage of BPL families in Kerala as identified by the Planning Commission and BPL censuses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL: (a) The guidelines already issued for conducting the BPL Census, 2002 for identification of households living below the poverty line for targeting during the Tenth Five Year Plan contain a new methodology, which is different from the methodologies adopted in the previous BPL Censuses. Currently, there is no proposal to modify this new methodology.

(b) The BPL Census, 2002 envisages 100% coverage of rural households.

(c) Through the BPL census conducted in 1997, the Government of Kerala identified 36.56% of the rural families as BPL. As per the latest estimate of the Planning Commission, pertaining to the year 1999-2000, rural BPL population in the State was 9.38%.

Submission of utilisation certificates by States

1524. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has pointed out that State Governments have failed to submit utilisation certificates for Rs. 50 crores sanctioned under Food for Work Scheme last year;